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MICHIGAN BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 29, 2008

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Audiology met in regular session on February 29, 2008, at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 1, Upper Level Parking, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Lari Korpela, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Karen Jacobs
Diane Zuchschwerdt
Srinivas Mukkamala, M.D.
Virginia Schroeder
Lari Korpela, Vice-Chairperson

Members Absent:

John Vandeventer, Public Member
Michael Seidman, M.D.
Gyl Kasewurm, Chairperson

Staff Present:

Bonnie Curtis, Secretary
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jacobs, seconded by Zuchschwerdt, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2007 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Mukkamala, seconded by Jacobs, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ON THE DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE

Board members discussed the need for public members on the board as the disciplinary subcommittee (DSC) cannot meet without at least one public member.

Ramsdell explained the process for the Governor appointing board members.

Ramsdell will contact Kasewurm and advise her that Mukkamala and Schroeder are interested in being appointed to the DSC and will contact the Governors' appointment office regarding the need for one more public member.

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

Ramsdell stated that there are no particular issues with this board. She asked board members to review the member contact list and update if needed.

Ramsdell stated that the Board helps the Department define what is required for licensure through the administrative rules and the Board makes decisions regarding disciplinary cases and appropriate sanctions for violations of the Public Health Code.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Ramsdell stated that Audiology has continuing education (CE) requirements and there was some discussion on the accessibility of CE courses.

Ramsdell stated that for the professions that have CE requirements, if the licensee does not provide proof of the CE requirements for license renewal, a complaint is filed against that licensee.

Ramsdell explained the model for Continued Professional Development (CDP) that some of the Boards are involved in and stated that Audiology may be involved in the future.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Ramsdell reported that Diane Lewis retired so the board members should contact her or Curtis with any questions or concerns.

Schroeder stated that she has knowledge of an audiologist in the Upper Peninsula that is practicing without a license. Ramsdell stated that the Department cannot do anything because this person is not licensed, but to contact the local prosecutor's office to report someone practicing without a license.

Korpela inquired if the Attorney General's office is involved in the complaint process before cases come before the Board. Ramsdell stated that they are and explained the complaint process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 9, 2008 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 1, Upper Level Parking, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT


Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Mukkamala, to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.



Lari Korpela, Vice-Chairperson

11-14-08

Date minutes approved



Bonnie Curtis, Secretary

2-29-08

Date minutes prepared